AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph at page 2, lines 7-13 to read as follows.

The cord stopper according to the present invention comprises a plug and a socket to which the plug is inserted, and the plug has a plug body with a first string passage hole and one or more elastic leg pieces each extending from the plug body, while the socket has a second string passage hole ~~communicated to~~ in communication with the first string passage hole and a third string passage hole, and further the elastic leg piece can hold the string inserted and passed through the third string passage hole with the elastic leg piece itself only, or with both the elastic leg piece and an inner surface of the socket.

Amend the paragraph at page 6, lines 7-16 to read as follows.

Also the configuration is allowable in which the string fixing device according to the present invention comprises socket into which the plug is inserted, and an biasing device for biasing the plug inserted into the socket in the direction contrary to the inserting direction, wherein the plug comprises a plug body having a first string passage hole; the socket has a second string passage hole capable of being ~~communicated to~~ in communication with the first string passage hole, and a third string passage hole; and the biasing device elastically deforms, when the plug is inserted into the socket, in association with movement of the plug, and the elastic force caused by the elastic deformation biases plug to the direction contrary to the inserting direction, and at the same time holds the string inserted and passed through the third string passage hole.

Amend the paragraph at page 15, line 28 – page 16, line 1 to read as follows.

In this state, the first string passage hole 111 of the plug 10 and the second string passage hole 23 of the socket substantially oppose and ~~a communicated to~~ communicate with each other, the string 2 can easily be inserted and passed through the holes 111 and 23.

Amend the paragraph at page 23, lines 3-6, further the amendment to that paragraph in the Preliminary Amendment dated May 3, 2004, to read as follows.

Accordingly, the string 3 can easily be inserted and passed through the third string passage hole 24. Further as the first string passage hole 111 of the plug 10C and the second string passage hole 23 of the socket 20C are ~~communicated to~~ in communication with each other, the string 2 can easily be inserted and passed through the holes 23 and 111.

Amend the paragraph at page 25, lines 26-28 to read as follows.

Further as the first string passage hole 111 of the plug 10D and the second string passage hole 23 of the socket 20D are ~~communicated to~~ in communication with each other, so that the string 2 can easily be inserted and passed through the holes 23 and 111.

Amend the paragraph at page 28, lines 21-23, further the amendment to that paragraph in the Preliminary Amendment dated May 3, 2004, to read as follows.

Further as the first string passage hole 111 of the plug 10E and the second string passage hole 23 of the socket 20E are ~~communicated to~~ in communication with each other, the string 2 can easily be inserted and passed through the holes 111 and 23.

Amend the paragraph at page 31, lines 18-20 to read as follows.

Further as the first string passage hole 111 of the plug 10F and the second string passage hole 23 of the socket 20F are ~~communicated to~~ in communication with each other, so that the string 2 can easily be inserted and passed through the holes 111 and 23.

Amend the paragraph inserted by the Preliminary Amendment dated May 3, 2004 immediately after page 34, line 8 to read as follows.

Further as the first string passage hole 111 of the plug 10G and the second string passage hole 23 of the socket 20G are ~~communicated to~~ in communication with each other, the string 2 can be inserted and passed through the holes 111 and 23.

Please replace the ABSTRACT with the enclosed ABSTRACT which is on a separate sheet.